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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Those of us who lived through the telephone monopoly of ATT, know how bad it was. We have more products and services available and can make long distance calls at a cost not dreamed of before. However, even now big operators decide what services are available to consumers depending on where they live. Please keep competition alive- it's better for everyone and allows creative ideas to come to fruition.

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